

REMARKS

The Office Action of February 28, 2008 imposed a restriction requirement for the claims that have been grouped as follows: Invention I (Claims 1-9 and 43-46) drawn to establishing a secure communication channel; Invention II (Claims 10-31) drawn to establishing a secure channel using a public key; and Invention III (Claims 32-42) drawn to an application programming interface for establishing trust.

Without acquiescing to the proposed grouping or characterization of the claims, Applicant hereby elects the claims associated with Invention I (Claims 1-9 and 43-46) without traverse for prosecution at this time. Claims 10-42, therefore, are withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice to the possibility of reinstatement during the prosecution of the subject application, and without prejudice to the filing of subsequent continuation or divisional applications.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that pending Claims 1-9 and 43-46 are now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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